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## CIA Aid

The charge that the Rev. Billy Graham's crusades in Latin America have been financed in part by the Central Intelligence Agency naturally arouses the concern of the evangelist. Prudently he does not deny the charge — only that he and his organization are not aware of any CIA funds coming into the treasury.

But the devious way in which CIA has distributed money to this organization and that, through front foundations and the like, makes any person or organization uncertain as to whether he or it has benefited from CIA largess.

Mr. Graham properly raises the issue of church and state in indicating his unwillingness to accept government funds. If government, through CIA, is contributing to religious projects, its subsidy does incalculable harm to religion, for once the gift is known, religion becomes identified with the state.

Government's insistence on supporting religious agencies is really subversive of religion. Church people should recognize this danger and not be tempted by the lure of easy money.